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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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FROM:

Chairman, Foreign Intelligence Priorities Committee

SUBJECT: Committee Monthly Activity Report: March 1985

1. In light of the increased emphasis being placed by the President on issues concerning U.S. interests [redacted] early in the month I asked the DCID 1/2 Committee members to provide their agencies' views on priority increases for intelligence [redacted]. To establish context for a Committee review, I identified some priority increases that might be in order. CIA and DIA responded by endorsing my list and adding to it. At a Committee meeting on the 20th of March, the members agreed to propose raising the priorities for 25 key political, economic, and military intelligence subjects generally from the 3/4/5 to the 2/3 levels. You approved our proposal on the 27th and a priority change notice has since been disseminated to principal intelligence consumers and the Intelligence Community. [redacted]

2. At our meeting on the 20th we also reviewed the priorities for intelligence [redacted] in light of the recent change in U.S. policy toward [redacted]. Following discussion of agency and department views, the Committee voted to increase the priority for intelligence on relevant political subjects from 6 to 5. We have received your approval of this change and notice of it has been disseminated. [redacted]

Status of Other Priority Change Actions

3. In Committee Review

- A proposal to establish a DCID 1/2 topic for the subject of nonmilitary space-related RDT&E and production. Aspects of the subject are now covered under topics dealing primarily with military research and advanced technology, but the subject is important enough to merit a complete and separate topic description and country priorities. The draft topic definition was prepared with the assistance of CIA. [redacted]

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4. In Preparation

- Country priorities for a new DCID 1/2 topic on "the economic policy process". Existing topics within the economic category focus on economic developments rather than the policy development and decision process. The DCID 1/2 Committee has approved the wording of the topic definition. The EIC is now developing a priorities proposal. [REDACTED]
- Country priorities for two new DCID 1/2 topic definitions on "public health conditions and policies" and "biomedical support to military operations". The topic definitions have been coordinated with the Army Medical Command and approved by the DCID 1/2 Committee. The Life Sciences Branch of OSWR/CIA is developing the priorities proposal. [REDACTED]

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